SHRI SAT MAHAJAN (KANGRA) : Sir, there is a delay in the implementation of the direction given by the Chair. That is the point... *(Interruptions)*

MR. CHAIRMAN : I think, all sections of the House appear to be deeply concerned about this matter and as has been suggested by the hon. Leader of the Opposition, I would like to request the Government to ask the Home Minister to make a detailed statement after getting the report from the U.P. Government, as has been suggested by Shri Rajesh Pilot. In addition to that, the hon. Speaker has informed me that he is actively pursuing the case of this privilege motion. So, at present we would leave it at that.

12.15 hrs.

[English]

REGULARISATION OF OUT-OF-TURN ALLOTMENT OF ACCOMMODATION TO GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV (SILCHAR) : Sir, today I am raising a humanitarian issue with which all sections of the House are aware. A large number of Class III and IV employees of the Central Government, as also Doctors, Superintendents and other Central Government employees are under eviction order of the Supreme Court on out-of-turn allotment. Unfortunately, this particular issue has been tagged up by the hon. Supreme Court with the issue of allotment of petrol pumps and other houses to the civilians. All political Parties have taken up this issue with the Government and have requested that since these Government employees have no alternate accommodation, their allotment should be regularised and they should be allowed to stay at those particular places.

In the last two days when they held a demonstration outside the Parliament House and another demonstration was held yesterday outside the residence of the hon. Speaker This issue needs to be considered by the Government.

As per the newspaper report, in my opinion there are two alternatives. As has happened in the case of Aquaculture where we have come out with a Bill, if there is a scope for the Supreme Court to review this case, the matter should be kept pending till that petition is disposed of. They should not be evicted.

There was an all Party meeting with the then Prime Minister, Shri Deve Gowda and the Government agreed to introduce a Bill to regularise these allotments. Just now Shri Vajpayee has said that some other Government servants are also in queue, because if these are vacated they will get them. They are also objecting that it should not be done. Their views also should be taken into consideration and some solution should be found out. Through you I appeal to all sections of the House to take up this cause with the Government and the Government should react on it.

[Translation]

SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA : Mr. Chairman, Sir you please listen my one request. Whatever decision is taken by the House, I follow that. I request that a statement in this regard should be laid on the Table of the House before its adjournment. The House should be informed about the decision taken on my privilege motion. This is my request.

MR. CHAIRMAN : The Government should seek report from the U.P. Government as Rajesh Pilotji has said, I do not know whether the report from U.P. has been received or not but there will be no use of making incomplete statement here. Therefore, report from the U.P. Government should be sought immediately and as soon as the same is received, the Home Minister should come out with his statement.

SHRI PRABHU DAYAL KATHERIA : Report from U.P. Government has been received but I request that before the House is adjourned the Government should come out with the statement.

SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ (SOUTH DELHI): Mr. Chairman, Sir the issue which has just been raised by Sontosh Mohan Devji in the House affects the people belonging to my Constituency the most. Therefore, I rise to voice their pains. I understand the dilemma of the Government that it is feeling helpless before the ruling of the Supreme Court but I would like to submit that the Government are not facing this type of dilemma and helplessness for the first time. In many other cases the Government have come across similar dilemma and found a way out of it. If I may cite an example, during this session itself when the Supreme Court gave its ruling regarding aqua-culture Hon'ble Law Minister is present here the issue pertained to his area, the Government found a way out and a Bill was brought forward in the House to provide relief to the affected people.

Mr. Chairman, Sir this issue started from cheating and has now become a matter of sympathy. Through you, I would like to urge the Government that it should issue directives to the effect that the instructions of the Supreme Court would be strictly complied with and if out of turn accommodation will not be allotted to any one, people who are in queue and waiting for accommodation would have a sigh of relief and injustice will not be done towards them in view of the instructions of the Supreme Court.

Mr. Chairman, Sir if the people who have already got accommodation are rendered homeless in order to provide accommodation to the needy people, we would come in the grip of another problem while finding out the solution of this problem. Therefore being a people's representative, I am presenting a mercy petition to the Government so as to prevent them from being rendered homeless. I request the Government to accept this appeal for mercy from them and issue strong directives to the effect that out of turn allotment would not be made to anyone as a result of which both parties would be benefited thereby.

[Shrimati Sushma Swaraj]

Mr. Chairman, Sir, I am making this appeal to the Government through you. If the Government convene the meeting of all parties leaders the representative of our party would participate in that meeting and express views of our party but I am putting this appeal for mercy to the Government, through you, on behalf of all the affected people and I not only believe but I am sure also that the Government would take appropriate action in this regard considering it as a sensitive issue. Thank you very much.

SHRI SHARAD YADAV (MADHEPURA) : Mr. Chairman, Sir the question which has been raised by Sontosh Mohan Devji is related to the employees of class four, three and two who are being rendered homeless. These employees met me also. This matter is a humanitarian one. I agree with Sushmaji. Accommodation should be allotted under the rules and regulations. I fully share the feelings of both the members and I would like to submit that as the Government has found the way out by bringing forward a Bill after the judgement of the Supreme Court regarding the aquaculture, in the same way it should find a way out for these people and also streamline the law in this regard. Employees belonging to higher category will manage to get accommodations for themselves somehow or the other and will salvage their situation but the employees of lower categories who are poor and are running from pillar to post and have demonstrated here, how can people of these categories save their accommodation, is the questions facing them.

Mr. Chairman, Sir I would like to submit that matters pertaining to justice to people are not discussed in this House. The people of bird catchers' community are living in this country for thousands of years and are earning their livelihood.

The love with which pet animals and birds like ox, cow, parrot, sparrow, pigeon etc. are reared in this country cannot find a parallel anywhere in the world but some environmental activists, under the influence of European thought are trying to deprive thousands of such people from their livelihood. In this country cat, dog and other animals and birds are associated with the life of man.

Mr. Chairman, Sir, I have high regards for Court. I would like that it works more effectively but the present state of affairs the country is all too obvious i.e. even the Court's conduct is not beyond reproach. Recently a verdict has been given, Shri Atalji I am not saying anything which may be inimical to you. After a verdict of the court, the straw machines in the entire Uttar Pradesh have been banned ...*(Interruptions)*

MR. CHAIRMAN: Sir, You should conclude now as many other Members want to speak. Please conclude now you have made your point.

(Interruptions)

MR. CHAIRMAN : Shrimati Geeta Mukherjee.

(Interruptions)

SHRI VIRENDRA KUMAR SINGH : Mr.Chairman Sir, Hon'ble Shri Sharad Yadav was speaking but you asked him to sit down....*(Interruptions)*

MR. CHAIRMAN : I have not asked him to sit down. He has made his point. I had requested him to make his point and sit down, when he does not want to speak any more how can I force him to speak.....*(Interruptions)*

SHRI VIRENDRA KUMAR SINGH : No, Sir, he was speaking but you asked him to sit down .....*(Interruptions)*

MR. CHAIRMAN : I have not asked him to sit down. I have only asked him to conclude as he has made his point. ...*(Interruptions)*

MR. CHAIRMAN : This sort of bullying will not be allowed. I just requested him if he does not want to speak then how can I force him to speak.

(Interruptions)

MR. CHAIRMAN : You please sit down.

(Interruptions)

[English]

MR. CHAIRMAN : I have called Shrimati Geeta Mukherjee.

[Translation]

(Interruptions)

[English]

MR. CHAIRMAN : You cannot hold the House to ransom.

(Interruptions)

[Translation]

MR. CHAIRMAN : This is not the way.

(Interruptions)

MR. CHAIRMAN : I had made a request to him.

(Interruptions)

SHRI VIRENDRA KUMAR SINGH : We shall keep standing till then....*(Interruptions)*

[English]

MR. CHAIRMAN : You cannot hold the House to ransom. I have called Shrimati Geeta Mukherjee. You please sit down. Only one Member can speak.

[Translation]

MR. CHAIRMAN : If five Members try to speak simultaneously it wo'nt help.

(Interruptions)

SHRI MOHAMMAD ALI ASHRAAF FATMI (DARBHANGA) : Mr. Chairman the way you are handling the things is not proper.

(Interruptions)

[English]

MR. CHAIRMAN : Nothing will go on record. Switch off the Cameras.

(Interruptions)

[Translation]

MR. CHAIRMAN : Now you all stand up and speak.

(Interruptions)

MR. CHAIRMAN : This is not the way.

(Interruptions)

SHRI MOHAMMAD ALI ASHRAAF FATMI : The way you are handling the things is also not proper ...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI SHARAD YADAV : What are you talking about ...*(Interruptions)*

MR. CHAIRMAN : Sharad Yadavji, you are a very senior member. If you respect the Chair in this manner then, things will go this way only.

(Interruptions)

SHRI SHARAD YADAV : What are you talking about ...*(Interruptions)* I am asking them to sit down, and you are provoking them ...*(Interruptions)*

12.26 hrs.

(At this stage Shri Mohammad Ali Ashraaf Fatmi and some other honourable Members came and sat on the floor near the Table)

MR. CHAIRMAN : All are selfish lot and nobody cares about the poor....*(Interruptions)*

12.27 hrs.

(At this stage Shri Mohammad Ali Ashraaf Fatmi and some other hon. Members went back to their seats)

[English]

SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE (PANSKURA) : Sir, thank you. Shri Sharad Yadav also asked me to speak.

MR. CHAIRMAN : I do not know whether Shri Sharad Yadav has asked you to speak or not. But from the Chair, I have asked you to speak.

SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE : Thank you. I also wanted to tell this.

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MR. CHAIRMAN : I gave him a chance. He sat down voluntarily.

SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE : The main point is that in this melee let not the principal question be drowned. It is because not only women employees but thousands of wives of employees also are constantly coming to us.

[Translation]

SHRI MOHAMMAD ALI ASHRAAF FATMI : Here issues concerning the elite are being raised and nobody is talking about the poor.

SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE : This is not something relating to upper class people but it concerns with middle class employees or fourth class employees. Are the fourth class people Birlas and Tatas ? What are you saying?

[English]

I do not agree with that idea.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Do not worry about the interruptions. Kindly address the Chair. You can make your point. Do not react to the interruptions.

SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE : I will address you straight and nobody else. So, Sir, through, you, I would request the Government immediately to go to. the court and see to it that these people get some space because space is there. They have given us the figures. How much space is available now ? They will be on the streets without any fault of theirs.

So, let that not happen. This is all, I would like to say. I hope everyone of us will agree and the House will make this suggestion unanimously.

[Translation]

SHRI SHARAD YADAV : I want to make one request only that the issue of bird fancier is important one as thousand of people are faced with loss of their jobs on account of that therefore, you should allow at least one Member to speak on it...*(Interruption)*

MR. CHAIRMAN : The issue at this stage is that the Central Government.

(Interruptions)

[English]

MR. CHAIRMAN : Do not interrupt. This not the way.

(Interruptions)

MR. CHAIRMAN : I would request the Chief Whip of the Party to control the Members.

[Translation]

SHRI SHARAD YADAV : My second request is that

[Shri Sharad Yadav]

after this question she should also get a chance to speak.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Sharadji, You are an experienced Parliamentarion. At present, the issue before the House raised by Shri Sontosh Mohan Dev is relating to the Central Government employees.

(Interruptions)

MR. CHAIRMAN : You may please speak.

(Interruptions)

MR. CHAIRMAN : You can not speak such a thing in between. Let one issue be completed. You can not hold the House to ransom in this manner.

(Interruptions)

SHRI SHARAD YADAV : My only request to you is that after this issue, that question also relates to this Government. I would not speak on it, he will speak on it. I was refering to some court cases.

MR. CHAIRMAN : I would strictly go by the list given to me by the Hon' Speaker for allowing to raise the issue during the Zero Hour.

If there is some other important issue, I will take it up provided time is available but if you try to bulldoze me to throw away the list given to me by Hon' Speaker, I am never going to succumb to such tactics. You are free to create melee.

(Interruptions)

[English]

SHRI RUPCHAND PAL (HOOGHLY) : Sir, I share the concern expressed by some of my esteemed colleagues. We are all aware of the developments leading to the verdict of the Supreme Court. There have been cases of malpractices, irregularities and serious lapses on the basis of which, the Court had to intervene.

In the past also, we have seen that the worst victims had been the people at the bottom. Here we find that the Central Government employees, particularly those belonging to the lower strata, that is, Groups C&D employees and some others have been approaching us that they are facing very very serious situation. They are being thrown to the streets as it has happened in some cases some time in the past also.

We shall appeal to the Government to judge the whole issue without taking any lenient view about the serious offences that have already taken place but to take a humanitarian view regarding the poorer sections of the people, lower, middle class people, particularly Central Government employees who are being threatened to be ousted to the streets. My appeal will be that the Government should take urgent steps to make necessary intervention at the appropriate level to provide them necessary relief.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Hon. Gentlemen, I think, all sections of the House appear to have agreed on this matter. I would request the Government to react.

[Translation]

SHRI ATAL BEHARI VAJPAYEE (LUCKNOW) : Mr Chairman Sir, the issue which has been raised, is important has been pending for months together. As many as 2,500 Government employees which means 2500 families are likey to be rendered homeless. Those employees who got Government accommodation did not do any burgling and the investigations are being conducted against those who committed irregularities in this regard. The employees got the accommodations as per the rules as the discretionary allotment was part of the rules and after the Supreme Court's verdict, this rule will be scrapped Is altogether a different matter. Why are the employees being punished? As far as the issue of accommodation is concerned, I have been told that thousands of G.D.A. flats are lying vacant and have not been allotted anybody for several months. The Government may talk to the U.P. Govt. for acquiring these flats and these flats could be allotted to those employees whose claim for the accommodation is pending. The Government should act a little imaginatory and should be sensitive to the issue. Mr. Chairman Sir, please ask the Law Minister to say something on this issue.

[English]

MR. CHAIRMAN : In all sections of the House, there appears to be a consensus on this issue. Therefore I would request the Government to react to this.

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANT JENA) : Sir, the House knows this fact and last time also this issue came up in the House. There was an objection from one section of the House to the discretionary quota that had been exercised by the previous Government, which has now been scrapped by the Supreme Court and whether it can be possible to regularise it by another law, which can be brought in this House. The Government had an open mind to that.

If there is a consensus among all the political parties, what I would suggest is that an all party meeting can be called and formally it will be discussed threadbare. The Supreme Court has taken a decision and a direction has been given to the Government therefore, the Government is open on this issue and will call an all party meeting. Whatever will be the consensus, the Government will proceed accordingly.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Mr. Minister, if you say that there is a positive order from the Supreme Court on this issue, would the Law Minister like to react to it ?

SHRI SRIKANT JENA : There is a direction from the Supreme Court to evict those employees.

MR. CHAIRMAN : How will then an all party meeting help ?

SHRI SRIKANT JENA : The regularisation has to be there and the regularisation is possible by another law only.

SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV (SILCHAR) : Last time when this was the view of all the parties, Government issued show cause notice and all that. Today, you have got the view of the House. Then why another meeting ? The Government can take appropriate action. I would request the hon. Minister not to confuse the issue any more.

SHRI RAJESH PILOT (DAUSA) : Sir, we wanted to differentiate the discretionary quota for petrol pumps and other things to that of accommodation. That was the feeling of the House. I would request the Government not to mix it up. The whole confusion was there because of that. These two categories should be separated. If somebody got a petrol pump... *(Interruptions)* we are not interested in that ...*(Interruptions)* That is what we are saying. We are saying that keep petrol pumps and other allocations out of this....*(Interruptions)*

MR. CHAIRMAN : Rajeshji, I think this can be discussed in the all party meeting; this is the way out.

Now, I think, our friends this side are feeling very agitated on a certain point, I give them two minutes to speak.

[Translation]

SHRI MOHAMMAD ALI ASHRAAF FATMI : Mr. Chairman Sir, thanks a lot for giving me an opportunity to express my views.

It is quite regrettable that some castes in India have been assigned a particular job for thousand of years and Nuskar is one such caste which makes their living by catching small birds but unfortunately it has been banned in and around Delhi. I would like to say that thousands of people belonging to this caste live in my constituency which are called Bahelia (birdman) in Hindi and in Urdu they are called Nuskar. One of our female Members Shrimati Bhagwati Devi who hails from a very poor family, is sitting on Dharna on the main gate of Parliament. We had told her that we shall put this issue before the Government. Thousands of people belonging to this caste live in this country. It is an issue of their livelihood. They have been sitting on Dharna at Jantar-Mantar for last one year.

Since they are poor lot, nobody is bothered about them. American and European culture is being brought into India in the name of environment and many other names.

MR. CHAIRMAN (COL. RAO RAM SINGH) : What is your suggestion ?

SHRI MOHAMMAD ALI ASHRAAF FATMI : My suggestion is that the law in this regard should be amended. Even the small love birds such as Parrots-Myna which are also pet birds and means of their livelihood have also been brought into the ambil of environment. Now these people can not catch or sell these birds as a result of which these people have been rendered jobless. I would request the Government to make suitable amendments in this law to enable them to continue this job for their livelihood.

SHRI SHARAD YADAV : There was unanimous approach on this issue. Through you I appeal to all the Members of this House that the lakhs of people called Bahelias who are engaged in this job of catching the birds to make both ends meet, should be allowed to earn thier livelihood by making necessary amendment to the law. They are no-mads. It should be noted that their business depends on it. They are about 2-3 crores in the country. I would like to submit that environment is an essential thing. There are many birds and animals, which are our friends. We rear cows, goats, camels and oxen which are useful to our agriculture.

MR. CHAIRMAN : The views of other sections should also be heard in the House.

SHRI SHARAD YADAV : The profession of various people is linked with it. The woman Member of Parliament sitting outside on dharna is a stone breaker and has been pursuing this issue for the last one year. Therefore the entire House should ponder over it.

SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL (CHANDNI CHOWK-DELHI) : The decision, which has come today regarding the Delhi Rent Control Act is very important.

MR. CHAIRMAN : You want to speak on this issue. I am calling hon. Members to speak on a different subject. Shri Nitish Kumar.

SHRI DINSHA PATEL (KHEDA) : What is this going on, I have been raising this issue for the last three days but I am not given time.

MR. CHAIRMAN : You will get time now.

SHRI SHANTILAL PARSOTAMDAS PATEL (GODHRA): When will it be given ? Everyone is being called. If I am not allowed to raise in issue related to my Constituency I am going out. I have not been given time, while my name is there...*(Interruptions)*

MR. CHAIRMAN : This is not the way to talk.

SHRI DINSHA PATEL : Then what should I do ? If you say, I will go out....*(Interruptions)*

MR. CHAIRMAN : I have called Nitish Kumarii. Nitishji, please speak.

SHRI DILEEP SINGH BHURIA (JHABUA) : If the leaders only speak on the issue, how others will speak. Please call others also.

SHRI RAJESH PILOT : If all the friends express their